

Forcing stations owned by Sinclair to broadcast an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the national election is clearly abuse of the public airwaves. A company that is allowed to use the airwaves free of charge is obliged to serve the public interest -- and this does not include airing partisan programming as if it were "news", just before an important election.

Sadly, when large companies control the airwaves, the bottom line takes precedence and democracy loses. We absolutely must make media ownership rules stronger, so that the license renewal process involves careful scrutiny and not rubberstamping. Thank you.